

03500.016218.1



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Examiner: L. Tran
SHINYA MATSUI)	
Appln. No.: 10/736,746)	Group Art Unit: 2853
Filed: December 17, 2003)	Allowed: September 15, 2004
For: INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS)	:	
AND INK-JET RECORDING)	:	October 15, 2004
PROCESS)	:	

Mail Stop Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

LETTER SUBMITTING COMMENTS ON
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowability mailed September 15, 2004, the Examiner listed reasons for the allowance of the claims. However, the features noted by the Examiner do not accurately reflect what is recited in each of the independent claims. For example, Claims 6, 13, 14 and 16 are each directed to a process or method, not an apparatus. In addition, regarding the reason for allowance of Claims 15 and 16, it is believed the term "area" should be included after "peripheral" in line 4 of the paragraph and after "inner" in line 5.

Nevertheless, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is allowable for its combination of claimed features.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Williamson", is written over a horizontal line.

Mark A. Williamson
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 33,628

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112-3801
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200
MAW:mt

DC_MAIN 181412v1